

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.
Their actions in
forcing their
stations to
broadcast this
anti-Kerry
documentary just
days before the
election is a clear
example of them
using their
consolidated power
to try to swing the
election to Bush.
This is a clear
abuse of the power
they have been given
by the FCC to act as
a steward of the
media for the
American people -
they should either
be required to air
one anti-Kerry
documentary with one
anti-Bush one, or
one anti-Kerry
documentary with one
pro-Kerry; or not be
allowed to air
anything related to
the subject so close
to the election when
candidates won't
have a chance to
respond to the
widely aired
criticism against
them. As it is now,
they are not serving
the public interest.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead

of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.